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# PEONIES

This un-pretentious folder shows about 200 varieties of *Paeonia Chinensis*, fully 175 of which are entitled to be listed among the "World's Best Peonies." A dozen or more of the very recent creations are included, which we believe will stand the test of close observation, and receive a high rating.

The number preceeding the name of a variety is the rating of the American Peony Society, and except in the case of Japs and Singles, may safely be used as a basis of comparative merit. Le Cygne 99, as yet is the nearest approach to the 100 perfect mark.

The American Peony Society, in their recently issued "Peony Manual," give a check list of 1100 *Chinensis* varieties. From these the Society has selected about 300 doubles and 65 Japs and Singles, as being most worthy of Propagation. These varieties are accurately described, and they suggest that commercial growers offer no other kind for sale except these, and such new varieties as have not been sufficiently observed, to be properly classified. We are following this recommendation, and are not listing fully 150 other good varieties that we now grow. You may buy any peony named herein, with assurance that you will get a high class one.

The Japanese and Single peonies have been somewhat confused in commerce, and we have not found the ratings on them to be altogether dependable. We are including several of them with a low rating, that have been universally admired by visitors to our garden, and also a few of the higher rated ones, that appear mediocre. We are importing a large number this fall, because they have been highly recommended.

## SHIPMENTS

Will commence in early September and continue to December. Our oldest plants are three years old, and the large divisions that we ship will be made from these and from vigorous two-year-old plants. All will have three or more eyes and ample root systems. Orders amounting to \$3.00 will be sent prepaid. Any root not proving satisfactory, will be replaced or money refunded. Terms:—Cash.

The following are listed in the "Peony Manual," among the World's Best Peonies."

## DOUBLE CHINENSIS VARIETIES

85—ADOLPHE ROSSEAU, Early very dark red .....	\$1.25
87—ALBATRE, white, same as Avalanche, A prize winner .....	1.00
86—ALBERT CROUSSE, Light rose pink, very late...	1.00
*95—ALICE HARDING, Lemoine's best creation ....	75.00
88—ALSACE LORRAINE, White, tinted cream & buff	2.00
*86—ARGENTINE, A new variety of much promise ....	12.00
81—ASA GRAY, A fragrant pale pink of merit .....	1.00
87—AUGUSTE DESSERT, Very unusual shade of red	6.00
80—AURORE, Apple blossom pink, tinted yellow ....	1.00
90—BARONESS SCHROEDER, Perfect late white ...	1.00
85—BAYADERE, resembles Alsace Lorraine .....	3.00
81—BENJ. FRANKLIN, Excellent dark crimson .....	1.00
86—BERTRADE, Immense White, Yellow tints .....	3.00
80—BEGULE DE NEIGE, Early white. Excellent .....	.50
84—CANDEUR, Light rose-pink, flushed darker .....	3.00
*84—CHARLOT, Silvery lilac, with carmine base ....	12.00
85—CHAS. NEIDEL, Rose pink, yellow stamens .....	1.00
86—CHERRY HILL, Tall glistening maroon. Early ...	3.00
84—CHESTINE GOWDY, Cone shaped rose-pink .....	1.00
87—CLAIRE DUSBOIS, Very large & late. Pink .....	1.00

85—	CLEMENCEAU, Striking pink color. Handsome ..	4.00
85—	CORONATION, Distinct & beautiful. Pink .....	2.00
81—	COURONNE D'OR, White with stamens visible ..	.50
*90—	DENISE, Flesh white. Just introduced .....	12.00
	—DR. VAN DER TAK, A prize winning crimson ...	1.50
81—	DUCHESSE DE NEMOURS, Greenish white .....	.50
76—	EDULIS SUPERBA, Earliest deep pink. Fine .....	.50
91—	ED. C. SHAW, Old rose, delicious fragrance .....	15.00
92—	E. B. BROWNING, Creamy blush, Very late .....	3.00
87—	ELWOOD PLEAS, Large late rose-pink .....	1.50
89—	ENCHANTRESS, Exhibition late white .....	3.00
83—	EUGENE BIGOT, Late crimson, stiff stem .....	1.00
83—	EUGENE VERDIER, Dwarf shell pink, very erect ..	1.00
86—	EUGENIE VERDIER, An exquisite "baby-pink" ...	1.00
82—	EVANGELINE, very fragrant, bright rose-pink ..	2.00
85—	EXQUISITE, Similar to Judge Berry .....	2.00
*85—	ELISA, W. Faxon color. Some say it excels .....	8.00
*	—FAUSTINE, Enormous, fragrant, pale-pink .....	15.00
84—	FELIX CROUSSE, Few better reds grown .....	.75
93—	FESTIVA MAXIMA, Early tall white .....	.50
92—	FLORENCE MACBETH, A new waxy pale pink .....	10.00
82—	FRAICHEUR, Salmon tinted, flesh-white .....	1.50
86—	FRANCES SHAYLOR, Distinct gold & white .....	3.00
91—	FRANCES WILLARD, Large pinkish-white, late ..	2.00
82—	FRANCOIS ROSSEAU, Rich crimson, fragrant ...	2.00
93—	FRANKIE CURTIS, Almost perfect, flesh-white ..	15.00
81—	GALATHE, Flesh white with pink centre .....	3.00
89—	GEORGIANNA SHAYLOR, Immense rose-pink ...	2.00
85—	GERMAINE BIGOT, Dependable rose-pink .....	1.00
82—	GIGANTEA, Enormous, early rose-pink .....	1.00
86—	GINETTE, Pale rose-pink, free bloomer .....	2.00
82—	GISMONDA, very late, creamy pink, tall & erect ..	1.00
88—	GRANDIFLORA, very late and large pink .....	1.00
81—	GRAND, NIV. PLENA, earliest white, fragrant ...	1.00
82—	GROVER CLEVELAND, Fragrant bright crimson ..	1.00
88—	HENRY AVERY, Most attractive, light pink ...	3.50
*85—	INSPECTEUR LAVERGNE, Superb early red .....	12.00
83—	ISOLINE, Yellow similar to Primevere .....	2.00
87—	JAMES KELWAY, An outstanding variety here ..	1.25
92—	JEANNOT, Large, late, pale rose-pink .....	6.00
82—	JOHN RICHARDSON, very late, deep rose-pink ..	1.50
89—	JUBILEE, perfect, except for weak stems .....	2.00
86—	JUDGE BERRY, very large, early, light pink ...	3.50
*85—	JOCELYN, large, bright, rose-pink. New .....	6.00
88—	KARL ROSEFIELD, best all-round red .....	1.00
98—	KELWAY'S GLORIOUS, Better than Le Cygne ..	7.50
91—	LADY ALEX DUFF, Immense clusters of pink ..	1.50
82—	LADY BERESFORD, Anemone type. Rose-pink ..	1.00
92—	LA FEE, An exquisite, slow growing pink .....	6.00
90—	LA FRANCE, very large, clear, light-pink .....	3.00
86—	LA LORRAINE, Wonderful. when established ...	3.00
85—	LA PERLE, A most satisfactory lilac-white .....	.75
83—	LA ROSIERE, Blooms in huge clusters. White ...	.75
81—	LA TENDRESSE, Lavender-white, in clusters ...	.75
75—	LA TULIPE, Clear flesh pink. Under-rated .....	.50
88—	LAURA DESSERT, Rivals Primevere. Yellow ...	6.00
99—	LE CYGNE, White. Highest rated of all .....	6.00
*82—	LIBELLULE, Very scarce. Flesh color .....	6.00
88—	LILLIAN GUMM, Beautiful pink. Enormous .....	6.00
81—	LIVINGSTONE, Large, late, old-rose-pink .....	1.00
90—	LONGFELLOW, A distinct fadeless crimson ...	2.50
84—	LORA DEXHEIMER, A fine large crimson .....	2.00
88—	LOVELINESS, very late, pale flesh-pink .....	2.00
87—	LUETTA PFEIFFER, very large, early pale pink ..	3.50
88—	KELWAY'S QUEEN, Bright rose-pink. Extra .....	5.00
90—	MABEL FRANKLIN, Brilliant rose-pink .....	5.00
*87—	MADELON, Silvery pink, flushed carmine .....	12.00

82—MARCELE DESSERT, Very pale pink	1.00
84—MARGUERITE GERARD, Immense, reliable pink	1.00
89—MARIE CROUSSE, An exquisite, elusive pink	1.00
83—MARIE JACQUIN, Water-lilly color & form	1.00
85—MARIE LEMOINE, About the latest white	1.00
91—MARTHA BULLOCH, Bright old-rose pink.	4.50
87—MARY BRAND, Free flowering crimson	1.00
90—MARY W. SHAYLOR, dwarf, erect, pale flesh	5.00
85—MAUD L. RICHARDSON, large, fragrant pink	1.50
82—MID. NIGHT'S DREAM, late blush white	1.00
87—MIGNON, Light flesh-pink, fragrant	3.00
90—MILTON HILL, Late shell-pink	2.50
81—MILLE LEONIE CALOT, Flesh-pink. Not extra	1.00
86—MME. AUGUSTE DESSERT, Fine, old-rose-pink	1.00
81—MME. CALOT, Early, reliable, light old-rose	.50
77—MME. DE VATRY, Quite distinct, light pink	.50
79—MME. DE VERNEVILLE, Few better whites	.50
79—MME. DUCEL, A smaller Mons Jules Elie	.50
*84—MME. EMILE DUPRAZ, A large, fragrant pink	3.00
85—MME. EMILE GALLE, A delicate rose-pink	.75
89—MME. EMILE LEMOINE, Prize-winning white	1.00
82—MME. GAUDICHAU, Shy blooming maroon	2.00
79—MME. GEISSLER, Enormous old-rose-pink	.75
94—MME. JULES DESSERT, In the best dozen	2.50
*86—MME. EDOUARD DORAT, v. large, new white	12.00
78—MODEL OF PERFECTION, fragrant, old-rose	.75
83—MONS DUPONT, White with large red spots	.50
92—MONS. JULES ELIE, Very large, early pink	1.00
88—M. MARTIN CAHUSAC, Darkest red peony	2.00
84—MONT BLANC, Creamy white, Unusual	2.00
—MR. L. VAN LEEUWEN, fragrant light red	3.50
93—MRS. EDWARD HARDING, White, stamens show	7.50
90—MRS. SHAYLOR FORCE, Creamy white, scarce	7.50
82—MRS. JOHN M. LEWIS, Fragrant dark crimson	2.50
* —NANETTE, A new pinkish white, very early	10.00
88—NYMPHAEA, Free blooming water-lilly type	3.00
85—OCTAVE DEMAY, First large pink to bloom	.75
85—OPAL, Pale rose pink. Of great beauty	1.00
84—PASTEUR. A smaller, stiff stemmed, Jubilee	1.50
*83—PERETTE, Creamy white, flushed pink	3.00
92—PHILIPPE RIVOIRE, The best red. Fragrant	10.00
77—PHILOMELE, Anemone type. Pink & Yellow	1.50
88—PHOEBE CAREY, very tall & late old-rose pink	5.00
90—PHYLLIS KELWAY, Loose petaled rose-pink	7.00
86—PIERRE DUCHARTE, Fragrant, old-rose pink	1.00
93—PRES. WILSON, Superb rose-pink. Floriferous	20.00
89—PRIDE OF ESSEX, Similar to Lady Duff	3.50
86—PRIMEVERE, Probably the best yellow	2.00
87—REINE HORTENSE, Almost a perfect peony	1.00
88—RICHARD CARVEL, Extra early bright crimson	2.50
90—ROSA BONHEUR, Rose scented, late pink	3.50
88—ROSETTE, Big, early, shell-pink. Attractive	3.50
83—RACHAEL, Extra fine rose-pink	2.00
* —PRINCESS JULIANA, A Beautiful new pink	10.00
90—SARAH BERNHARDT, No better pink grown	1.50
97—SOLANGE, Color different from all others	3.00
91—SOUV. DE LOUIS BIGOT, Prettiest of all	3.50
83—SPLENDIDA, Large, late, old-rose-pink	2.50
82—SULLY PRUDHOMME, Large, flesh-pink	1.00
82—SUZETTE, Rose-pink. Best Garden variety	1.00
98—THERESE, The premier exhibition pink	3.00
94—TOURANGELLE, Nothing more Beautiful	2.50
83—VENUS, A distinct pink variety. Fine	1.00
82—VICTOIRE DE LA MARNE, An intense red	2.50
93—WALTER FAXON, Outstanding in color	3.00
83—WINNIFRED DOMME, Intense bright red	2.00

The following double Chinensis peonies are not recom-



mended in the "Peony Manual," but each as grown here in Kentucky possesses such distinctive points of merit, as justifies their being propagated and sold.

79—ALFRED DI MUSSETT, Late flesh-white .....	.75
78—AUG. D'HOOR, Solferino-red, Distinctive .....	.75
78—CHAS. McKELLIP, Large bright-red. Fine .....	1.50
77—FANNY CROSBY, Lovely Pink and yellow .....	1.50
—FONTENELLE, Fine red, altho un-rated .....	1.00
79—GLOIRE DE CHAS GOMBAULT, tri-colored .....	1.00
78—M. C. LAGERGREN, Best landscape red .....	1.00
—MEDIA, An un-rated Kelway deep-pink .....	1.00
78—MISS SALWAY, Few better lilac-whites .....	2.50
72—RUBRA SUPERBA, Last red to bloom .....	.50
—SIR THOS. LIPTON, Un-rated Kelway red .....	1.00
74—UMBELLATA ROSEA, First to bloom. Pink .....	.75

#### SINGLES AND JAPS

—ALBIFLORA (Single) Large pink .....	1.00
*81—AKULA (Jap), Dazzling carmine red .....	2.00
* —ANTWERPEN, Carmine-pink, Jap, Enormous .....	5.00
* —EMMA, (Jap) Dark lilac-pink, very large .....	3.00
* —EVA (Jap) Bright lilac-crimson .....	3.00
* —FRANCOIS (Jap), Two Rows, bright rose petal ..	3.00
* —FUGI-NO-MINE (Jap), Pale pink. Unusual .....	5.00
* —GEISHA (Jap) Two rows bright red petals .....	6.00
* —HAKODATE (Jap), best white Jap, very scarce ..	25.00
92—FUYAJO (Jap), about the best dark red .....	5.00
* —INSTITUTEUR DORLAT (Jap), A new dark red ..	20.00
93—ISANI GIDUI (Jap). Immense pure white .....	10.00
* —JEANNE LAPANDRY (Jap), a very recent white ..	10.00
*85—KAMENG-KEROGOMA (Jap), clear red. Extra ..	3.00
* —KASANE-JISHI (Jap). Very light pink .....	5.00
86—KING OF ENGLAND (Jap). Deep carmine-red ..	3.50
—KUMAGOE (Jap). Mauve-pink. Very showy .....	.75
76—LABOLAS (Jap). Crimson, lacks class .....	.75
84—L'ETCINCELANTE. Wonderful light-red, single ..	1.50
86—LE JOUR (Single). Extra fine, early white .....	2.50
86—MIKADO, the oldest Jap. Admired by all .....	1.75
* —MARGUERITE (Jap). Pink of a distinct shade ..	5.00
*82—OHIRAMA (Jap). Very large bright pink. Frag. ..	4.00
* —OIMATSU (Jap). Pink fading to white .....	3.00
76—PETITE RENEE (Jap). Carmine, anemone type ..	1.00
89—PRIDE OF LANGPORT. Pink, single, superb .....	3.00
—RUIGEGNO (Jap). Clear red, beautiful .....	3.00
85—RGSY DAWN (Single). Extra fine white .....	3.00
90—SOME-GANOKO (Jap). Large fragrant crimson ..	3.50
—SURUGU (Jap). Two rows pure red petals .....	4.00
94—TAMATE-BOKU (Jap). Dark old-rose-pink .....	20.00
78—THE MOOR (Single), maroon-red. Glossy .....	.50
89—TOKIO (Jap). Large, tall, dull rose-pink .....	3.00
80—TORPILLEUR (Jap). Floriferous, rose-red .....	1.50
*77—YESO (Jap). White, tinted yellow. Fine .....	2.50
* —SOSHI, One of best dark red singles .....	4.00

#### OFFICINALIS, TENUIFOLIA, ETC.

—ANOMOLA SMGUTHI, Cherry-red single .....	2.00
—OFF. ALBA PLENA. Double white .....	1.00
—OFF. ROSEA SUPERBE, Double clear pink .....	2.00
* —OFF. LIZE VAN VEEN. Color of Solange .....	20.00
—OFF. MUTABABILIS. Pink fading white .....	1.00
OFF. RUBRA. The old time early red .....	1.00
* —OFF. LUCIDA. Maroon streaked yellow .....	8.00
* —LOBATA (Species) Orange color, single .....	10.00
MAIE FLEURI, A pale pink hybrid .....	5.00
TENUIFOLIA PLENA. Double red .....	1.50
TENUIFOLIA SIMPLEX, Single red .....	1.00

\*—Varieties marked with asterisk, are recent importations and cannot be shipped until released by the Horticultural Board.

# The World's Best PEONIES

The Varieties contained in this list, have been carefully selected, and most of them are undoubtedly the best peonies in commerce today. We are growing many other varieties which we do not include; and can furnish almost any variety called for, at prices asked by other Peony growers.

Our Garden is in the very center of the Famous Blue Grass Region of Kentucky, and this same limestone soil which produces the finest race horses and tobacco, in the world, seems especially adapted to the rapid growth and development of the Peony plant.

All Flower lovers are invited to visit us during the Peony and Iris blooming season, and see some of the wonderful new creations of these most beautiful of all garden plants.

We are on Twelfth Street in the northern part of Lexington, Ky., on the N. Broadway Branch of the Dixie Highway.

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